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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your ongoing support over the year. It is this vital partnership that enables our students to thrive and achieve the highest levels of attainment. That is why we are at pains to stress the importance of Parent Evenings as we know that those students with the greatest levels of support achieve the highest levels of attainment. Please do prioritise these meetings in the new year in order to help your child, bookable through the Parent App 'Edulink'.

As well as our academic success, Park Hall students have been involved in a vast array of extra-curricular and community events over 2025. The list is huge but a few highlights include; the Castle Bromwich Remembrance parade, Kindness Champion Challenge – completing 40 acts of kindness (Years 7–10), Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition – two-day camping trek at Aztec Adventure Campsite & Duke of Edinburgh Final Expedition – overnight trip in Bromsgrove with camping at Pikes Pool, GCSE & A Level Art & Photography Exhibition, World Book Day costumes event, Story Sack creation, Author visit – with Matt Beighton, Alpaca attendance reward, charity events raising over £2000 and a great number of sporting successes and the fact several of our sports teams remain unbeaten this season. As the end of term is upon us, I also want to inform you about some of the arrangements:

#### **End of Term Arrangements**

- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas dinner served in the canteen
- Wednesday 17th December - Library rewards event
- Thursday 18th December – Attendance and PRIDE rewards event as well as the last school day of 2025

**Students will be required in school and ready to learn at the normal time (8.30am) on this morning with students finishing at 3.15pm. Students will need to be in normal school uniform, as we will be having our annual non-uniform day in the Summer term.** If you have any further queries regarding the end of term arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's Head of Year at school.

#### **Start of the New Spring Term**

The new academic year will begin on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8.30am for all students.** If students are lucky enough to receive a new phone this Christmas, then please do remind them that phones that are visible will be confiscated and stored at reception for the day. (Repeat confiscations will need to be collected by a parent/ carer). Please note for future reference that, as per the website, **Monday 23rd February 2026 will be an inset day for staff,** therefore students will not be required to attend on this day. We have also been informed that school meal prices will be changing from January 2026. As a result, the new price will be £3.10 for a 2 course meal. Please note that this pricing follows the amount charged by Solihull MBC which increased in September 2025. The price of the other food sold within the school kitchens will be increasing on average by 3.5%

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support. Your support is crucial in helping the school build your child's wellbeing, future career and earning potential. In the meantime, have a really lovely Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Dr T. Close (Headteacher)

The winner of the 2025 Park Hall Academy Christmas Card competition was Frankie Collins in Year 10. Below is a copy of her amazing, original artwork that has been used on the final published design. (Her amazing cards will be sitting proudly on mantelpieces up and down Solihull and beyond!)

